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1. Alulbayt Foundation

Special, 2004

Introduction

Alulbayt Foundation is the London office of the international centres of the grand Ayatollah Sistani. Founded in 1991, the organization is registered in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland with the charity commission of England and Wales.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to strengthen the ties between the diverse cultures of the Islamic community and implement programmes to instil greater civic collaborations, women's oversight committees, localized community activities and initiatives with other regional centres, public offices, ministerial organizations and third-sector instruments. It also works to enhance relationships with local State enforcement authorities, medical foundations and science agencies to establish better working practices within its focused regions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

Additional information

The organization participated in efforts to conserve and preserve manuscripts, as well as artistic theatre productions, cultural discussion groups, remembrance events and therapeutic and counselling workshops, and called for diplomacy in solving regional conflicts.

2. European Federation of Older Students at Universities

Special, 1996

Introduction

European Federation of Older Students at Universities encourages university training and study for elderly people alongside the younger generation, thus allowing them to tolerate, know and understand each other and ensure access to university for suitably qualified elderly people when their professional life is over. It has its head office in Vienna.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization publicizes training problems through participation in scientific discussions and the development of older persons' intellectual productivity, to improve their ability to self-help in old age, their independence and quality of life. It also assists in setting up programmes for continuing education and develops new concepts and models for the structure and function of these systems.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participated in the NGO Committee on Ageing. It distributed recommendations of the Madrid International Action Plan on Ageing to all of its members and participated in efforts to fulfil the aims of the International Action Plan.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

3. Human Rights Information and Training Center

Special, 2004

Introduction

Human Rights Information and Training Center was established in November 1995 as a non-governmental organization (NGO) recognized by Yemen. It is a non-profit organization working at the local and regional levels. Its vision is a society where principles and values of human rights prevail and which allows for

the effective participation of civil society in the making of changes in Yemen and in the Arab Region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's overall objective is to disseminate awareness of human rights, promote and defend concepts of human rights, provide knowledge and information services related to these concepts and provide training for human rights activists. It is an educational and voluntary organization.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the preparation of reports of parallel governments in the Arab region with regard to violations of human rights. It also attended many of the activities carried out by Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Yemen. It actively carried out activities on the occasion of Human Rights Day, 10 December, from 2008 to 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- Fifty-sixth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, held in Geneva from 17 January to 7 February 2011
- Forty-eighth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, held in Geneva from 17 January to 4 February 2011
- Tenth session of the Universal Periodic Review, held in Geneva from 24 January to 4 February 2011
- Fifteenth special session of the Human Rights Council, on the situation of human rights in Libya, held in Geneva on 25 February 2011
- Sixteenth regular session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 28 February to 25 March 2011
- Fifth session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held in Geneva from 11 to 15 April 2011
- Sixteenth special session of the Human Rights Council, on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic, held in Geneva on 29 April 2011
- Forty-sixth session of the Committee against Torture, held in Geneva from 9 May to 3 June 2011
- Eleventh session of the Universal Periodic Review, held in Geneva from 2 to 13 May 2011
- Forty-sixth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, held in Geneva from 2 to 20 May 2011

- Pre-sessional working group ahead of the fifty-seventh session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, held in Geneva from 7 to 11 February 2011
- Seventeenth regular session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 30 May to 17 June 2011
- Fifty-seventh session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, held in Geneva from 30 May to 17 June 2011
- Fifty-eighth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, held in Geneva from 19 September to 7 October 2011
- Eighteenth regular session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 12 to 30 September 2011
- Twelfth session of the Universal Periodic Review, held in Geneva from 3 to 14 October 2011
- Fiftieth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, held in Geneva from 3 to 21 October 2011
- Pre-sessional working group ahead of the fifty-ninth and sixtieth sessions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, held in Geneva from 10 to 14 October 2011
- 103rd session of the Human Rights Committee, held in Geneva, from 17 October to 4 November 2011
- Forty-seventh session of the Committee against Torture, held in Geneva from 31 October to 25 November 2011
- First session of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances, held in Geneva on 31 May 2011
- Forty-seventh session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, held in Geneva from 14 November to 2 December 2011

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has cooperated with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) regional office in Yemen with its programme of managing good governance in Arab countries. Safe spaces for childhood programmes were implemented with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in conflicts zones in Yemen. The NGO contributed to the mission of OHCHR on the assessment of human rights situations in Yemen in 2011. The NGO had joint coordination and cooperation with OHCHR in Geneva, as well as its offices of Beirut and Doha, to provide assistance for the achievement of common humanitarian goals.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has accomplished activities corresponding with the MDGs:

- Built a coalition of Yemeni NGOs to combat poverty
- Contributed to the Economic and Social Commission of Western Asia Millennium Development Goals handbook for parliamentarians

- Contributed to the Social Watch report on the Millennium Development Goals in the Arab region in 2010 and 2011

Additional information

The organization has established a regional network for human rights activists in the Gulf States and the Arabian Peninsula (Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates and Oman). It is a regional network that enhances the role of activists and civil society in these countries. The organization has enlarged its scope of work in the Middle East and expanded its relations with other NGOs. It is also an observer at the Arab League.

4. Links Incorporated

Special, 2004

Introduction

Links Incorporated is a national women's service organization of over 11,000 women with 275 chapters located in 41 States, including the United States of America, the Bahamas, Germany and South Africa. Its headquarters is in Washington, D.C.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Transformation programmes and impacting lives are the focus of Links Incorporated as it advances and celebrates community service engagement. Links Incorporated develops and provides relevant programmes for community enhancement. It is structured and administered through facets of services to youth, education, health, national trends and services, the arts and international trends and services, which include NGO representatives to the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The focus of the organization during the reporting period was to provide health and educational supplies to Liberia, Ghana and Haiti. It sponsored four schools in Liberia. The NGO also commemorated World Health Day on 7 April.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

To improve maternal health, Links Incorporated built three maternal waiting homes in Liberia in collaboration with the developmental organization Africare to provide clean and safe birth deliveries. Awareness of key issues surrounding safe motherhood was promoted in the United States and internationally. Link Chapters also provided over 5,000 survival kits to women in Haiti.

5. Mahila Dakshata Samiti

Special, 1996

Introduction

Mahila Dakshata Samiti was established in January 1977 to be a driving force for women's empowerment and struggle for equality. It is committed to the cause of women and children, primarily, and the underprivileged and disenfranchised in India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to help women in distress and to raise their self-esteem through a four-pronged approach that includes health, education, equality and empowerment, thereby enabling them to lead a life of dignity. The organization's objectives are carried out through the following:

- Provide counselling services to women and families
- Provide free temporary shelter at the Snehalaya short-stay home
- Provide free legal aid for the poor
- Provide education and nutrition for the children of underprivileged section of society
- Increase adult literacy through its centres
- Provide rural and urban health care for the poor
- Empower women at the political, economic, social and cultural levels
- Organize seminars and workshops on issues related to women, children and consumers, and in the education and medical areas
- Increase awareness among women about their rights and other issues
- Eradicate the dowry system that is deeply rooted in society

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The NGO organized parallel events at the NGO Forum during sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York during the reporting period.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Fifty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 25 February to 7 March 2008
- Fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 2 to 13 March 2009
- Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 1 to 12 March 2010
- Fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 22 February to 4 March 2011
- Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, held in Doha from 29 November to 2 December 2008

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The NGO worked with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), UNDP and the United Nations Population Fund offices in South Asia at the country level on various issues, such as commemorating the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The NGO organized events every alternative year with UN-Women on engendering planning process, gender budgeting and gender auditing.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The NGO organized consultations on the gender dimensions of the Millennium Development Goals. The organization held various seminars, workshops and meetings on relevant issues concerning women, children, senior citizens, health and the environment and planned activities to commemorate International Women's Day on 8 March.

6. Mountain Institute

Special, 2000

Introduction

Mountain Institute is an international NGO dedicated to advancing mountain sustainable development globally with projects in Appalachia in the western United States, in the Andes, the Hindu Kush-Himalaya mountains and other ranges, through its offices in Washington, D.C., Lima and Kathmandu.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Institute works in mountainous regions with local communities, civil society organizations and governments to conserve the environment, sustain ecological services, protect cultures and improve the livelihoods of communities, with attention to gender, indigenous peoples and disadvantaged groups. Aims are accomplished through building capacity, applied research, livelihoods assistance and policy support, planning and strengthening governance.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the work of the United Nations through:

(a) Improving natural resource management to benefit poor mountain communities while addressing gender equity. Associated work included food delivery to over 200,000 people in remote areas of Nepal;

(b) Reducing risks from natural hazards in mountain regions through science, community consultation and mitigation measures;

(c) Bolstering climate change adaptation and resilience in mountain regions through science, traditional knowledge, community consultation, capacity-building and improved governance and planning;

(d) Conserving mountain biological and cultural diversity and heritage, through improved protected area management, restoration and sustainable enterprise;

(e) Advancing secondary and tertiary environmental education for mountain communities;

(f) Communicating importance of mountains for global sustainability to target audiences.

The NGO also commemorated International Mountain Day on 11 December.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in a side event on 4 December 2011 at the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Durban, South Africa.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is a member of the Mountain Partnership, with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Its representatives contributed to the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, entitled "The Future We Want", particularly paragraphs 210, 211 and 212. Contributions included co-authoring or assisting in the development of the source document "Why mountains matter for North America", policy report, as part of the Mountain Partnership

The organization partnered with the World Food Programme (WFP), starting in 2008, to distribute 5,000 tons of rice to isolated communities in western Nepal to feed more than 200,000 people. It also drafted a proposal for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's World Heritage Programme to create the Suleiman Too Mountain world heritage site in Kyrgyzstan in 2009.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's contributions to Goal 1 included working with 10,000 poor farmers in Nepal to double household income through cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants. The NGO distributed 5,000 tons of rice between 2008 and 201! to reduce hunger for 200,000 people.

Its contributions to Goal 7 included strengthening national protected area management, as well as municipal reserves, in the Cordillera Blanca region of Peru and around Mount Everest in Nepal. Also, in Nepal, the NGO worked with 80 forest user groups on more than 190,000 hectares of national and community forest lands, reducing forest and biodiversity loss and securing mountain water resources.

The organization's activities also supported the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

Additional information

The organization is taking an increasingly proactive and supporting role in the overall sustainable mountain agenda through the Mountain Partnership.

7. Nigeria-Togo Association

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Nigeria-Togo Association is a non-governmental and not-for-profit organization, established to meet the socioeconomic and cultural aspirations of the peoples of the West African subregion.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization include promoting peace between our peoples; striving for humanity's well-being; eradicating poverty; combating trafficking in persons; promoting economic and cultural relations among the countries of the subregion; and informing our peoples about United Nations activities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Organizing seminars and workshops on United Nations activities; raising awareness among the peoples of the subregion of United Nations publications on issues related to trafficking in persons, poverty eradication and the economic empowerment of peoples; combating HIV/AIIDS, eradicating endemic diseases, and education.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the seventh session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held in New York from 21 April to 2 May 2008.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has working agreements with the United Nations Information Centre in Lagos, Nigeria, allowing organization members to study the Centre's documents and inform themselves about current developments at United Nations Headquarters and in United Nations bodies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No initiatives were specified.

Additional information

With regard to training, the organization has established an information technology training centre for unemployed young graduates to help them to use a computer. By taking the three-month practical courses these young people can receive a loan under the poverty eradication programme launched by the Government of Nigeria.

8. Non-Governmental Organizations Coordinating Committee

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Non-Governmental Organizations Coordinating Council is an umbrella organization with 105 member organizations all over Zambia dedicated to advancing the status of women. Against this background, the organization upholds its vision of a society where women fully participate and benefit from social, cultural, economic and political development. Its mission is to champion women's empowerment and gender equality and equity through coordinated institutional and capacity development to members, advocacy and linkages with government, local and international partners.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization is committed to coordinating and strengthening its members to enhance their effectiveness in empowering women as well as developing cooperation with like-minded organizations at the national, regional and international levels. Its objective also is to generate, collect and disseminate information which will encourage and facilitate members in their efforts for women's empowerment. NGOCC has a strong commitment to organizational values of teamwork, integrity, professionalism, commitment, transparency and accountability, equity and equality and activism.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization operates within the principles of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Zambia national gender policy. Within the 12 critical areas articulated in this document, Zambia has prioritized women and poverty; women's and girls' education and training; women's participation in decision-making; women and health; women and water and sanitation; women and labour, employment and social security; women and land; and women and agriculture.

In line with ending gender-based violence, the organization has contributed to the country having specific legislation addressing gender-based violence through the Namibia anti-gender-based violence act of 2011, after years of concerted lobbying and advocacy.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has continued to participate in various United Nations processes, such as the Commission on the Status of Women; preparation and submission of human rights shadow reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; contribution to various Zambia country reports on the Millennium Development Goals and universal periodic review on human rights.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has continuously engaged with the processes of the United Nations country team in Zambia through planning platforms, including by sharing various presentations from a gender perspective. It is a steering committee member of the Zambia gender implementation programme with the support of UNDP.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

For Goal 1, the organization has been providing economic empowerment capacity enhancement to its members. In this regard, member organizations have given loans to women for them to establish businesses in order to supplement their family incomes and subsequently contribute to women's social empowerment.

For Goal 3, the organization and its member organizations have continued to advocate that women should be proportionally represented. Zambia's constitution and other legal reforms provide an opportunity to be harnessed and made use of with regards to women's participation in decision-making.

For Goals 4 and 5, the organization helped member organizations to access grants to facilitate the development of projects on maternal health, to reduce Zambia's maternal mortality rate of 591 out of 100,000 live births, and its infant mortality rate of 70 per 1,000 live births.

9. One World Trust

Special, 2004

Introduction

Founded in 1951 as a registered charity in the United Kingdom, the One World Trust promotes education and research into changes required in global governance to achieve eradication of poverty, injustice, environmental degradation and war. The organization develops recommendations on practical ways to make powerful organizations more accountable to the people they affect now and in the future, and how the rule of law can be applied to all. Key targets for the dissemination of the findings of the Trust's research are political leaders, decision-makers and opinion-formers at the global and national levels.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The vision of One World Trust is of a world where all people are able to live in sustainable peace and security and have equal access to opportunity and participation. The Trust pursues its aims primarily by means of research and advocacy in three main areas: the accountability of global organizations; the engagement of citizens in political processes; and international law and regulation. The organization publishes every year a global accountability report, an annual review of the capabilities of global organizations from the intergovernmental, non-governmental and corporate sectors to be accountable to their stakeholders. In addition, the Trust publishes briefing papers on issues of international peace and security governance, such as international peacekeeping and the responsibility to protect, as well as additional reports and documents on citizens' access to global decision-making and policy processes, such as through parliamentary oversight of foreign policy and United Nations reform.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the One World Trust's global accountability reports assessed the accountability and governance practices of the world's most important international organizations, including a number of United Nations bodies. In 2008, UNICEF and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) were included in the Trust's assessments, highlighting their comparative strong performance but also noting areas where improvements were needed, and thus how the United Nations could strengthen their accountability to their stakeholders. In 2011, the global accountability framework was revised and used to assess the World Health Organization (WHO) as part of a wider project on global climate governance. In all cases, the assessments included document reviews, in-depth interviews with staff and discussions of the findings prior to publication.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization participated in a briefing on investing in women and girls in observance of International Women's Day,

organized by the Office of the Special Adviser for Gender Issues of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs and the Department of Public Information, held in New York on 6 March 2008.

It also participated in the sixty-second Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations, organized by the Department of Public Information, held in Mexico City from 9 to 11 September 2009.

The organization participated in an annual parliamentary hearing entitled "Towards economic recovery: rethinking development, retooling global governance", organized by the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union in New York on 2 and 3 December 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As part of its global accountability reports, the One World Trust engaged in depth with UNICEF, UNHCR and WHO to better understand how they achieve accountability to their stakeholders. The findings of the assessments were discussed in depth with the respective organizations, which are able to benefit from the analysis and recommendations presented in our reports.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Recognized by the organizations the NGO interacts with as part of its work on the global accountability report, its work directly enhanced the capacity of global actors to deliver on the policy and resource commitments made in support of action to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, in particular in key areas of service delivery, such as access to health care (under Goals 4, 5 and 6), education (Goal 2) and to eliminate discrimination (Goal 3) and poverty (Goal 1).

10. Planetary Association for Clean Energy

Special, 2004

Introduction

The main course of action of the Planetary Association for Clean Energy is the maintenance of an international, interdisciplinary and collaborative network of advanced scientific thinking, by way of publishing, including via the Internet, conferences, presentations and workshops; and by peer review, evaluation, and verification initiatives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to facilitate the discovery, research, development and demonstration of clean energy systems; provide oversight to the planning, coordination and implementation of clean energy systems at the global, regional and local levels; and serve as monitor of unclean energy systems.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The main focus of the organization has been with OHCHR and the Human Rights Council with regard to environmental rights, water and sanitation, toxic waste, cultural rights and human rights related to business. Throughout the reporting period the main representative in Geneva, as Chair of NGO Committee on the Environment and NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns, held 16 meetings annually to discuss with other NGOs in consultative status how civil society organizations can contribute to the debate on the environment, as well as that of cultural values and ethics.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, representatives of the organization participated in the seventh to the eighteenth sessions of the Human Rights Council; briefings to civil society organizations by OHCHR, the President of the Human Rights Council and the NGO Liaison Unit at the United Nations Office at Geneva; and consultations with special procedures mandate holders.

In 2009, the organization was co-signatory to written statement A/HRC/10/NGO/112 on human rights education, submitted in Geneva on 27 February.

In 2010, it organized a side event on the margins of the fourteenth session of the Human Rights Council, on cultural and ethical perspectives related to climate change, held in Geneva on 31 May.

The organization's actions in 2011 included:

(a) Participation in a side event on the margins of the seventeenth session of the Human Rights Council, with the collaboration the OHCHR Independent Expert in the field of cultural rights, on access to and enjoyment of cultural heritage, held in Geneva on 1 June;

(b) On the panel of a side event on the margins of the same session, on the effects of nuclear energy on the environment and the human right to peace, held in Geneva on 9 June;

(c) A round-table discussion between NGOs and civil-society organizations on the Advisory Committee progress report on the right of peoples to peace, held in Geneva on 15 June;

(d) Presentation of a written statement at the High-level Segment of the Economic and Social Council, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 July;

(e) Organization of a side event on the margins of the eighteenth session of the Human Rights Council, on water and development from a human-rights perspective, held in Geneva on 14 September;

(f) Organization of another side event on the margins of the same session, on human rights and international solidarity, including a dialogue with a United Nations independent expert, held in Geneva in September.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

11. World Organization of Former Students of Catholic Education

Special, 2000

Introduction

The main aim of the World Organization of Former Students of Catholic Education is to motivate member associations and adherent Associations of Former Students of Catholic Education to participate in programmes of multicultural and plural-religious human values.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of the NGO is to promote solidarity through education and development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

To accomplish the Millennium Development Goals, the organization promoted side events at the local, national regional and global levels, including oral presentations and debates. The NGO organized and participated in congresses, seminars, conferences on the themes of the Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization provided a leadership course for former students in Latin America on motivation for co-responsibility in social policy, held in Buenos Aires in 2011. It organized sessions on raising awareness about problems of human society and conservation of nature and education for sustainable development for 185 participants from 21 nations, at the organization's world congress, held in Panama from 29 to 31 August, 2011. It also organized sessions of the European congress of former students on such themes as "Presence and ethics commitment in a multicultural and pluri-religious society" and "The value of life in a Europe of ambiguities".